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SUBJECT: MAY 19 IWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) LONDON 8005, (B) LONDON 6385, (C) LONDON 6308

1. SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOOK NOTE OF PROGRESS REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH PROTOCOLS FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF IWA, 1971; REVIEWED DRAFT BUDGET OF 1978/79 RECOMMENDING WITHOUT RESERVATIONS THAT BUDGET GO FORWARD TO JUNE COUNCIL; AND REVIEWED DRAFT AGENDA FOR EIGHTY FOURTH AND EIGHTY FIFTH SESSIONS OF IWC AS WELL AS FOR CONFERENCE TO ASCERTAIN ENTRY INTO FORCE OF 1978 PROTOCOLS.
2. ONLY DISCUSSION RE SIGNATURES FOR PROTOCOLS CONCERNE QUESTION OF AUSTRALIAN SIGNATURE (SEE REF A).
3. DRAFT BUDGET FOR 78/79 (REF B) WAS DESCRIBED BY EXEC SEC PAROTTE AS A "HOLDING" BUDGET WHICH ASSUMES THA IWC ACTIVITY DURING 1978/79 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM CURRENT OPERATION. SHOULD NEW AGREEMENT INCLUDE SUB-STANTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS, BUDGET WILL REQUIRE MAJOR REVISION.

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4. EXEC SEC PAROTTE ALSO REPORTED ON STATUS OF EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH "WORLD COMMODITY CENTER" IN LONDON TO INCLUDE OFFICE AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES FOR IWC (PARA 4, REF C). "THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG". THE UK FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ASKED LONDON BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON EXISTING FACILITIES, FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ETC.

5. JUNE COUNCIL SESSION AND INTERVENING
CONFERENCE DESCRIBED AS PRIMARILY "ADMINISTRATIVE" IN
NATURE. MOST SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNCIL WILL
BE ELECTION OF NEW VICE PRESIDENT. PAROTTE URGED
MEMBERS TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES VIA BI-LATERAL
AND MULTI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS. FOLLOWING MEETING,
PAROTTE ADVISED PRIVATELY THAT FOR 1978/79
V.P. SHOULD COME FROM EXPORTER GROUP, SPECIFICALLY
AUSTRALIA. SUBSEQUENTLY, AUSTRALIAN REP (LETTS) CON-
TACTED AGATT OFFICE TO GET READING ON US POSITION RE IWC
V.P. AND MADE CLEAR THAT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE,
AUSTRALIA HAD NOT FOCUSED ON THIS ISSUE AND IN FACT WAS
SOMEWHAT TAKEN BY SURPRISE THAT THEY WERE EXPECTED TO
PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING LEFT OPEN. IT WAS DECIDED
HOWEVER THAT EXEC COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED A.M.
JUNE 26 WAS UNNECESSARY. MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 26
THEREFORE WILL BEGIN IN P.M. WITH FOOD AID.COUNCIL
MEETINGS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE THURSDAY P.M. STREATOR

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